

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, All children and youth learn best when they are healthy, supported, and receive an education that enables them to strive, grow and thrive academically, socially, and emotionally; and,

Whereas, Children's mental health is directly linked to their learning and development, and the learning environment provides an optimal context to promote good mental health through connectedness within the school and community; and,

Whereas, Sound psychological principles are integral to instruction and learning, social and emotional development, prevention, early intervention and school safety, and supporting culturally diverse student populations; and,

Whereas, School psychology has over 60 years of well established, widely recognized and highly effective practice and standards that are clearly articulated in NASP's Model for Comprehensive and Integrated School Psychology Services; and,

Whereas, School psychologists are trained to assess student and school-based barriers to learning and individual strengths, utilize data-based decision-making, implement research-driven prevention and intervention strategies, and evaluate outcomes and improve accountability; and,

Whereas, Citizens of South Dakota should recognize the vital role that school psychologists play in the personal and academic development of our state's children:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 13-17, 2017, as

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State